

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 8-7-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT codes 90844.

II. FINDINGS and RATIONALE

| DOS | CPT CODE | Billed | Paid | EOB Denial Code | MARS (Maximum Allowable Reimbursement) | Reference | Rationale |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|-----------------|--|--------------------|---|
| 9-5-02 | 90844 | \$122.00 | \$0.00 | D | \$122.00 | Rule 134.600(h)(4) | <p>On 7-9-02, Travelers gave preauthorization approval for individual therapy once a week for 6 weeks and medication management sessions once a week for 6 weeks.</p> <p>Rule 134.600(h)(4) states, "The non-emergency health care requiring preauthorization includes: all psychological testing and psychotherapy, repeat interviews, and biofeedback, except when any service is part of a preauthorized or exempt rehabilitation program."</p> <p>Services were denied based upon duplicate billing; Neither party submitted the original EOB to determine original basis for denial of payment; therefore, service will be reviewed in accordance with <i>Medical Fee Guideline</i>. Individual Psychology report supports billed service, reimbursement of \$122.00 is recommended.</p> |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | The requestor is entitled to reimbursement of \$122.00 . |

III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT code (90844) in the amount of \$122.00. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby **ORDERS** the Respondent to remit **\$122.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 30th day of December 2003.

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